

PRESENT: Cr Mark Powell (Chair), General Manager – R Geraghty, Acting Director Environmental Services – T Meppem, Director Technical Services – K Tighe, Community Services Director – R Ryan, Director Corporate Services – C Upston, Mr R Tanner, Peter Baker, Ben Hagemann, Sam Stephens, Jenny Stephens, Richard Finlay-Jones (Epuron) Laura Dunphy (Epuron), Ted Miller, Eleanor Cook, Anne-Louise Capel, Jason Mills, Natalie Ghiggioli and Sally Morris (Minutes).

APOLOGIES: Carol Richard

CTC 01 Advisory Recommendation that the apologies of Carol Richard be accepted.

Upston/Tanner

MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING:

CTC 02 Advisory Recommendation that the minutes of the Coolah Town Committee meeting held on 31 March 2009 be endorsed.

Tanner/Ryan

BUSINESS ARISING:

- Tip - Congratulations to Council staff on tip clean up. Councillor representative to attend awards function in Tamworth.
- Australia Day Function – Development Group have matter in hand. Bunting and Flags are required by Coolah.
- Fluoridation – Department of Health are currently undertaking assessment of facility requirements of each town water supply – may take up to 18 months for the introduction of fluoride.
- Street Lighting – Ted Miller offered to undertake audit
- Long vehicle parking – this matter is to be referred to the Traffic Committee

AGENDA ITEMS:

Wind farm development – discussion concerning Upper House Enquiry in Tamworth and planning regulations.

Richard Finlay-Jones (Epuron) informed the meeting of their investigations into possible development of wind turbines in area.

Eleanor Cook raised the issue of establishment of a community funding mechanism. Development Group seeking to have community control of funds paid by developers for development within the Coolah area; the intention being that the funds would be used for local activities in the area impacted upon by the development. Development Group seeking Council's participation in managing of the fund.

Discussion concerning S355 subcommittee of council and section 94A contribution plan.

CTC 03 Advisory Recommendation that a steering committee (comprising 1 Councillor representative, the General Manager, 1 independent representative and two Development Group representatives) be formed to discuss with Council the possible establishment of a community fund.

Cook/Tanner

Railway Land – discussion concerning the possible use of disused railway land particularly in relation to the proposed cycleway. Development Group looking for Council to support community use of disused railway land.

Cycleway – draft geometric plans displayed. Dominic also has a copy of plans for cycleway committee meeting. Submissions will be sought when plans are placed on display for public comment.

Showground Toilet facilities – Development Group are speaking to various users regarding the facilities.

Skate Park – this matter was referred to Development Group for discussion. It was noted that the owner of the land where a skate park is constructed is responsible for the insurance.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

- Grants Expo – invitations issued for attendance at Expo on Thursday, 29 October 2009 in Coonabarabran

4.50pm

At this time the General Manager outlined future energy developments that may occur within the shire and introduced the Consultants who were in attendance to seek feedback from community members and other stakeholders as part of the organisational review of Council.

At this time the meeting concluded and staff left the room.

NEXT MEETING: To be advised

MEETING CLOSED: 4.50 pm

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CHAIRMAN